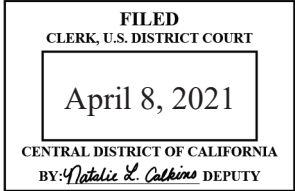


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE:)
CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC) GENERAL ORDER NO. 21-06
EMERGENCY) (Supersedes, in part, General Order
ORDER CONCERNING PHASED) No. 21-03)
REOPENING OF THE COURT:)
SOUTHERN DIVISION)

WHEREAS, the Court has adopted the Plan for Phased Resumption of Operations (“Reopening Plan”), which consists of three phases: Phase 1 (return of certain staff to the courthouses to prepare for limited in-court hearings); Phase 2 (reopening courthouses for limited in-court hearings); and Phase 3 (resumption of jury trials);

WHEREAS, the Court has adopted gating criteria designed to assess local COVID-19 exposure risks based on 14-day trends of facility exposure, community spread, and community restrictions;

WHEREAS, the Court has delegated authority to the Executive Committee to determine when the Court should transition between phases of the Court’s Reopening Plan per the gating criteria; and

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1 WHEREAS, per the gating criteria, local COVID-19 exposure risks in the
2 Court's Southern Division are decreasing, such that the transition of the Southern
3 Division to Phase 3 of the Court's Reopening Plan is appropriate at this time;

4 Upon unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, and without objection from
5 the District Judges of the Court, the Court orders as follows:

- 6 1. The Southern Division is in Phase 3 of the Court's Reopening Plan.
7 2. In-court hearings are permitted in all matters at the discretion of the
8 assigned judge.
9 a. Hearings by video or telephonic conference may continue to
10 be held in civil matters at the discretion of the assigned
11 judge.
12 b. Hearings by video or telephonic conference may continue to
13 be held in certain criminal matters as set forth in Order of the
14 Chief Judge No. 20-043, unless the findings and
15 authorizations in the Order are subsequently terminated.
16 3. Jury trials are permitted in civil and criminal cases. Since jury
17 summons were issued starting on March 22, 2021, jury trials will
18 commence on May 10, 2021.

19 To the extent this General Order conflicts with General Order No. 21-03, this
20 Order supersedes General Order No. 21-03.

21 This Order shall take effect on April 12, 2021.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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27 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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